Export items (1998-99)	Value in US $ Million
Gems & Jewellery	5929
RMG cotton including accessories	3147
Cotton yarn, fabrics, made-ups etc.	2772
Rice	1493
Drugs, pharmaceuticals and fine chemls	1487
Manufactures of metals	1040
Marine products	1038
Machinery and instruments	1155
RMG Manmade fibres	924
Transport equipment	762

Export items (1999-2000)	Value in US $ Million
Gems & Jewellery	7636
RMG cotton including accessories	3520
Cotton yarn, fabrics, made-ups etc.	3139
Drugs, pharmaceuticals and fine chemls	1530
Manufactures of metals	1243
Marine products	1180
Machinery and instruments	1156
Manmade yarn, fabrics, madeups	820
Transport equipment	773
Primary & Semi-finished iron & steel	753

Decline in Export of Agricultural Products

†786. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:
DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of agricultural products is declining in the country;

(b) the percentage of such export, out of the total export, made from the country during 1997-98, 1998- 99 and 1999-2000 separately; and

(c) the value of such export made in each of the above years?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) International trade in agricultural commodities is dependent on prevailing international demand coinciding with domestic ability to supply, prevailing world prices of commodities, the varieties being traded and consumer preferences. The country's total exports and agricultural exports including Marine products, Tea, Coffee, Castor oil and Cotton (in terms of value in Rs. crores) and the percentage share of export of agricultural products to total exports during the last three years is as under:

Export of Agricultural Products

Year	Country's total Exports (Rs. in Crores)	Agricultural Exports (Rs. in Crores)	% share of Agricultural Exports against Country's total exports
1997-98	130101	24626	18.93
1998-99	139752	25387	18.17
1999-2000	162925	23823	14.62

Source: DGCI and S, Calcutta

Development of Paradip as Major Industrial Zone

787. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up new Industrial Zones in the country;

(b) if so, the areas identified in various States for the purpose;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to develop Paradip as one of the major Industrial Zones in the country;

(d) if so, by when it would be possible; and

(e) the steps taken to achieve the above objective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Decrease in the Share of Indian Trade

†788. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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